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Committee on the communication of the Royal Society  
of Northern Antiquaries.

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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1853.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the New Jersey Historical Society, Messrs. James S. Loring, Joseph Ballard, Benjamin Loring, B. J. Lossing, S. G. Drake, John S. Pulsifer, Dr. Ebenezer Alden, Miss F. M. Caulkins, Hon. John Davis, the Mayor of Boston, two donors (names unknown), and from Messrs. Adams, Ames, Lunt, Lowell, Shurtleff, Wheatland, and Winthrop, of the Society.

Dr. YOUNG, from the Committee on the revision of the By-Laws appointed at the October meeting, 1851, and who reported in part at March meeting, 1852, made a final report of the proposed By-Laws. Whereupon,

*Voted*, To lay the same upon the table, and that the Publishing Committee be directed to cause fifty copies of the proposed By-Laws to be printed for the use of the members of the Society.

Also, *voted*, That the Recording Secretary, insert in the notices for the next meeting a notice that the subject of the proposed By-Laws will be then taken up for discussion.\*

The Recording Secretary, who was directed at the last meeting to furnish a list of all those deceased mem-

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\* Copies of the proposed By-Laws were accordingly printed, and in some instances sent out to the members with the notices of the next meeting. — Eds.

bers of whom no memoirs have been prepared for the Society's Collections, made a full report upon the whole subject. Whereupon,

*Voted*, To refer the report to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth decade.\*

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\* This report of Secretary Willard, of some thirteen pages in length, was not printed, and is on the Recording Secretary's file. It refers to the early acknowledged obligation of the Society, in Vol. VI. p. iii of the Collections, "to preserve some memorial of their associates as they descend to the grave," and also to the report of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Quincy, Savage, and Lowell, on the same subject, adopted at the April meeting, 1836, in which the same obligation is acknowledged.

"With regard to Corresponding Members," says Mr. Willard, "and also to those Resident Members who have resigned their place in the Society during lifetime, it has not been the practice, and perhaps may not come within the duty confessed to be of binding obligation, to take notice of their decease. Still, in a few instances this has been done or purposed." He then proceeds to mention such instances.

First, as to Corresponding Members. In the case of Ebenezer Hazard, Judge Davis was appointed, at the October meeting in 1817, to prepare a memoir. In that of Professor Ebeling, the Rev. Dr. Holmes was appointed at the January meeting in 1823 to prepare a memoir. But in neither instance was the duty performed. In the case of James Grahame, President Quincy was appointed in 1842, and performed the duty. The Rev. Andrew Eliot of Fairfield, Connecticut, was noticed by his brother, the Rev. John Eliot, in Vol. X. of the Collections; and a notice of Professor Ebenezer Grant Marsh was printed in Vol. IX. of the Collections, being an extract from a funeral discourse of Dr. Dana. In these last two instances the writers were not appointed by the Society. Mr. Willard also placed James Perkins, Esq., in the list of Corresponding Members, not having been aware that his name had been transferred to the Resident List. His memoir was assigned in January, 1823, to William Tudor, Jr., but was not written.

Of Resident Members who had resigned and since died, the report mentions the instance of Rev. Dr. Allyn whose memoir was written by Dr. Francis, and that of Rev. Dr. Kirkland whose memoir was assigned to Dr. Young, but was never furnished. The Rev. Dr. Bentley is also mentioned as having resigned his membership, while a memoir of him was directed to be procured by the Publishing Committee. He was a member at the time of his death.

The report refers to the two votes adopted at the April meeting in 1836 (see pp. 38 and 39 of this volume), providing for the preparation of suitable memoirs of deceased members; and points out that the same gentlemen who drew the report submitted at that meeting, and who were appointed with instructions to report at the next meeting their selection of a committee to cause memoirs to be written of members then deceased, did not report as

The President communicated a letter from Hon. Edward Everett, Secretary of State of the United States, containing the information that on his suggestion the President of the United States has directed him to return to the Society the maps and charts loaned by the Society to the United States North-East Boundary Commission, and requesting a list of the maps and charts retained in the Department, in order that he may forward the same.

This letter having been read, together with the Recording Secretary's abstract of the Society's various votes upon the subject,—

*Voted*, That the Recording Secretary be directed to communicate to the Secretary of State of the United States all such facts as he may be able to gather relating to the property of the Society loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Mr. LIVERMORE read a series of remarks pointing out sundry errors in the fifth volume of Mr. Bancroft's

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instructed, and in fact never acted, and that "the Nominating Committee, therefore, still stand charged with that duty." That under the second resolution, providing for memoirs of members who may hereafter de cease, the Committee of Publication, who were charged with that duty, had but partially performed it. The report concludes with a full list of the deceased Resident Members of whom no memoirs had been prepared, giving the names of those to whom memoirs had been assigned, and citing the instances where no appointment had been made. The writer finds "that, including the Rev. Drs. Bentley and Kirkland, the tribute of respect remains due to thirty-eight of our number, according to the obligation of our Society expressed at the earliest instance of the death of a Resident Member, and renewed and confirmed by the vote of April, 1836."

Mr. Willard, as has already been noticed, erroneously regarded Dr. Bentley, of whom a memoir was voted by the Society, as having resigned.

The first and second volumes of these Proceedings now contain memoirs of all deceased Resident Members to March, 1855, which were wanting to supply the deficiency so long regretted.—Eds.

“History of the United States,” in relation to the printing of the Bible in this country before the Revolution.

Present — The President, Ames, Austin, Davis, Felt, Livermore, Shurtleff, Willard, Worcester, and Young; and during the meeting, Ellis.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Thomas J. Lee, Charles B. Norton, J. McNair, Little & Brown, Dr. Augustus Torrey, Major Graham, United States Army, the American Philosophical Society, Harvard University, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Budington, Sibley, Sparks, and Winthrop, of this Society.

The President of the Society communicated a letter, under date Feb. 7, instant, from Messrs. Daniel Ullman, Jos. M. Price, and others, “a committee of citizens of New York,” accompanying a present of a medal designed “to commemorate the public services, &c., of the late Mr. Clay,” this medal being one of the “one hundred and fifty and no more, struck in bronze from the same dies” with the medal in gold presented to Mr. Clay.

Whereupon, the thanks of the Society were voted for this present, and the Corresponding Secretary was di-

rected to communicate the vote to the gentlemen of the Committee.

The Recording Secretary, who was directed at the last meeting "to communicate to the Secretary of State of the United States all such facts as he may be able to gather relating to the property of the Society loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission," made a verbal report of his examination in the premises, and read the copy of a letter, under date of January 25 last, addressed by him to Mr. Secretary Everett, containing the results of that examination. Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That this copy be placed on file.\*

The proposed revision of the By-Laws of the Society, laid upon the table at the last meeting, was then taken up, and read by the President article by article; and, after sundry amendments made therein,

*Voted*, To accept the proposed By-Laws, as amended, and that the same be and now are adopted as the By-Laws of the Society.

*Voted*, That five hundred copies of the By-Laws, as adopted this day, together with the Act of incorporation, be printed.†

The Standing Committee nominated Mr. Samuel Eliot, of Brookline, for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Daniel Webster, deceased.

*Voted*, That the Committee for publishing Vol. II., fourth series, be requested to make a statement at the next meeting of the Society of the progress they have made in preparing for the publication.

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\* Secretary Willard's letter to Mr. Everett is on file, but it seems unnecessary to print it here, as the result of his examination is given in the records of the March meeting. — Eds.

† They were accordingly printed in a pamphlet of twelve pages, and also included in 4 Collections, II. — Eds.

Present — The President, Adams, Ames, Appleton, Blagden, Barry, Chandler, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Quincy, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

## BY-LAWS.

### CHAPTER I.

#### OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. — The Regular, or Resident, Members of the Society shall be elected from among the citizens of this Commonwealth, and shall cease to be members whenever they cease to be citizens; the Honorary, or Corresponding Members, shall be elected from among those persons who are not citizens of this Commonwealth, and shall cease to be members if at any time they become citizens.

ARTICLE 2. — A book shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, in which any Resident Member of the Society may at any monthly meeting enter the name of any person whom he may regard as suitable to be elected a Resident Member; it being understood that each member is bound in honor not to make known abroad the name of any person so proposed, while the person proposed may continue to be a candidate. But no nomination of a Resident Member shall be made except by a report of the Standing Committee, and no nomination thus made shall be acted upon at the same meeting to which it is reported.

ARTICLE 3. — Nominations of Corresponding Members may be made by any member of the Society, and shall be entered in the record of the meeting at which each may be made; but

no member shall nominate more than one candidate at one and the same meeting, and no candidate shall be voted for at the same meeting at which he may have been nominated.

ARTICLE 4. — All members shall be elected by ballot, and, in balloting for members, the law and custom of our forefathers shall be observed, by taking the question with Indian corn and beans, — the corn expressing *yeas*, and the beans, *nays*; but no person shall be deemed chosen, unless there be nine members present at the election, nor unless two thirds of all the members present shall have voted affirmatively.

ARTICLE 5. — Each Resident Member shall pay eight dollars at the time of his admission, and three dollars annually afterwards, into the Treasury of the Society, for its general purposes; but any member shall be exempted from the annual payment if, at any time after six months from his admission, he shall pay into the Treasury thirty dollars in addition to what he may before have paid.

ARTICLE 6. — If any person elected as a Resident Member shall neglect, for one year after being notified of his election, to pay his admission fee, his election shall be void; and if any Resident Member shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for three years after it shall have become due, and have been demanded, he shall cease to be a member. Each person who shall be elected a member shall, when notified of it, be furnished by the Corresponding Secretary with an attested copy of this Article and the preceding one, and the Treasurer shall, as cases may occur, report to the Society those persons who have neglected to pay their admission fee or their annual assessments, as above required.

ARTICLE 7. — Diplomas signed by the President and countersigned by the two Secretaries shall be issued to all persons who have become members of the Society.



## CHAPTER II.

## OF MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 1. — There shall be a Regular Meeting of the Society at noon on the second Thursday of every month, at their rooms in Boston ; and Special Meetings shall be called by either of the Secretaries, whenever requested so to do by the President, or, in case of his absence or inability, then by the Standing Committee, or by any five members of the Society.

ARTICLE 2. — At all meetings, the President shall take the chair in five minutes after the time appointed in the notification, and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be, at once, read ; after which, at all Special Meetings, the special business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted ; and at all Regular Meetings the order of business shall be as follows : —

The Librarian shall make a detailed report of whatever may have been received by him since the last meeting.

The Cabinet-Keeper shall make a similar report.

The Corresponding Secretary shall read any communications he may have received.

The unfinished business, and the assignments of the last meeting, shall be announced by the Recording Secretary to the President, and taken up in their order.

The Standing Committee shall be called on to report its doings since the last meeting.

The other subsisting committees that may not have reported shall be called on for reports.

The members who may have any business to propose shall be desired by the President to propose it.

The members generally shall then be invited, so far as time may permit, to make any oral communications on any subject having relation to the objects of the Society ; and, for the

orderly accomplishment of this purpose, the Society shall be divided into three sections, as nearly equal in numbers as may be, each of which sections, in regular sequence, shall be notified by the Recording Secretary that the Society, at the next following meeting, will desire to receive from it such communications as are above suggested, and the officer presiding at the next meeting shall call upon each of the members of such section, in his turn, to offer any such communication or propose any such subject, after which the communication so made, or the subject so proposed, may be discussed by the Society generally. Provided, however, that, if the member proposing such subject prefer to do it in writing, the Recording Secretary shall enter it in the Records of the Society, and it may be discussed either at the time when it is proposed, or at any subsequent meeting.

ARTICLE 3. — Five members shall be a quorum for all purposes except the election of members, as hereinbefore provided, and excepting, also, alterations of the By-Laws, which shall not be made unless nine persons are present, nor unless the subject has either been discussed at a previous meeting, or reported on by a committee appointed for the purpose.

ARTICLE 4. — At the request of any two members present, any motion shall be once deferred to a subsequent meeting, for discussion, before it is finally disposed of.

ARTICLE 5. — All committees shall be nominated by the chair, unless otherwise provided for.

### CHAPTER III.

#### OF OFFICERS.

THE Officers of the Society shall be a President, who shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Standing Committee; a Recording Secretary; a Corresponding Secretary; a Treasurer; a Librarian; a Cabinet-Keeper; and a Standing Committee of

five ; — all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at the Monthly Meeting in April, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen in their stead. But, at the regular Monthly Meeting preceding any election of officers, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three persons, shall be appointed by the chair, who shall report to the meeting at which the election is to be made a list of members for the places to be filled ; — no person being deemed eligible to more than one of the regular offices of the Society at the same time, and no more than three of the Standing Committee being deemed re-eligible.

#### CHAPTER IV.

##### OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE President shall preside in all meetings of the Society when present, and, when absent, a President *pro tempore* shall be chosen by hand vote.

#### CHAPTER V.

##### OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Recording Secretary, or, in case of his death or absence, the Corresponding Secretary, shall warn all meetings of the Society, by sending, through the post-office, notices of each meeting, at least four days beforehand, to all members living in Boston or in its neighborhood, and to such other members as may specially request him so to do.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall keep an exact record of all the meetings of the Society, with the names of the members present ; entering in full all reports of committees that may be accepted by the Society, unless otherwise specially directed.

## CHAPTER VI.

## OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Corresponding Secretary shall inform all persons of their election as members of the Society, sending notice of the terms of their election to those chosen to be Resident Members, and issuing afterwards the proper diplomas.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall carry on all the correspondence of the Society not otherwise provided for, and deposit copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, in regular files, in the Library.

## CHAPTER VII.

## OF THE TREASURER.

ARTICLE 1. — The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due to the Society, and shall keep regular and faithful accounts of all the moneys and funds of the Society that may come into his hands, and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the members; and, at the Regular Meeting in April, he shall make a written report of all his doings for the year preceding, and of the amount and condition of all the property of the Society intrusted to him.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall pay no moneys, except on vote of the Society, or on voucher of an officer or committee acting conformably to its laws or orders.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## OF THE LIBRARIAN, AND OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE 1. — The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, manuscripts, and other property of the

Society appropriate to a library, and shall make and keep exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them, doing whatever may be in his power, at all times, to preserve and increase the collections under his care.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall acknowledge each donation that may be made to the Library, by a letter addressed to the person making it.

ARTICLE 3. — He shall at every Monthly Meeting of the Society report all donations made to the Library since the last Monthly Meeting, with the names of the donors.

ARTICLE 4. — He shall keep a regular and exact account of all books taken out, with the names of the persons who take them, and the dates when they are borrowed and returned.

ARTICLE 5. — He shall be present in the Library, in person or by a substitute approved by the Standing Committee, at the regular hours appointed for keeping it open, and shall endeavor to render it useful to all who may resort to it.

ARTICLE 6. — Any member of the Society may take from the Library three printed volumes at a time, and keep each of them four weeks, with a right to renew the loan for four weeks more, unless some other member has, in that interval, asked for it in writing; but, if he retains it beyond this second period, he must first obtain the written assent of a member of the Standing Committee, permitting him to do so, or he shall be fined ten cents a week for each volume so retained.

ARTICLE 7. — At the written request of any member of this Society, the Librarian shall permit any person to visit and use the Library, at such times as the Librarian may be in attendance; such member becoming thereby responsible for any injury to the property of the Society that may result from such introduction of a stranger.

ARTICLE 8. — At the written request of any member of the Society, the Librarian shall deliver to any one person indi-

cated in such request, but to no more than one person at the same time, any book or books belonging to the Society, which the member himself could take out ; such member, by such request, making himself responsible that all the rules relating to the book or books so taken out shall be as fully observed by the person authorized to receive them, as if he were a member ; and that any injury accruing to the property of the Society, in consequence of the privilege thus granted, shall be made good by the member at whose request the grant is made.

ARTICLE 9. — At the meetings in April, July, October, and January, the Librarian shall lay before the Society a list of the names of those persons, not members, who during the preceding three months, respectively, may have had access to the Library, by permission of individual members of the Society, with the names of the members at whose request the privilege was granted, adding a statement of each injury that may have been sustained by the property of the Society, in consequence of granting such permission, and the name of the member bound to make it good.

ARTICLE 10. — The Publishing Committee, for the time being, shall be permitted to take such books and manuscripts from the Library as they may need in order properly to perform the duty assigned to them by the Society ; but the Librarian shall make an especial entry or record of whatever is so taken, and, as soon as the volume they may have in charge is published, he shall demand and obtain from said Committee whatever they may have so received.

ARTICLE 11. — All manuscripts of the Society shall be kept under lock and key, and be consulted or used only in presence of the Librarian, who alone shall keep the keys.

ARTICLE 12. — Persons not members of the Society, but engaged in historical pursuits, shall be allowed to consult the manuscripts belonging to the Society, provided an application in writing, stating the object or objects of the inquiry, be first

made to the Librarian, and approved by a member of the Standing Committee, who shall make record of the same.

ARTICLE 13. — No manuscript and no part of a manuscript belonging to the Society shall be copied, except on permission granted by vote of the Society, after an application in writing specifying the manuscript or part thereof desired to be copied, and if any manuscript belonging to the Society shall, in consequence of such permission, be published, in whole, or in part, the fact that it was obtained from the Society shall be stated in its publication. But nothing herein required shall be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and other chronological memoranda, without special permission obtained as above required.

ARTICLE 14. — Manuscripts of a confidential nature shall be retained in a place of special deposit, and shall be consulted only under such regulations as may be prescribed in each case by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE 15. — No maps, newspapers, or books, either of great rarity or of constant reference, shall be taken from the Library, except by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE 16. — All members taking books from the Library shall be answerable for any injury done to the same, to such amount as may be deemed just by the Standing Committee, and any person neglecting to pay any fines, or assessments for damages, one month after he shall have received notice of the same from the Librarian, or otherwise abusing his privilege to the injury of the Library, shall, by order of the Standing Committee, be interdicted from access to the same.

ARTICLE 17. — All tracts, books, maps, and manuscripts, belonging to the Society, shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such tract, book, &c., that may be presented to the Society shall be marked with the name of the donor, and recorded as his gift.

ARTICLE 18. — The Library shall be open on all week-days, from nine to one o'clock in the forenoon throughout the year,

and from three to five in the afternoon in winter, and from three to seven in the afternoon in summer, except during the fortnight before the Annual Meeting in April, when it shall be closed for examination; and all books that may be lent are hereby required to be returned previous to that fortnight, under penalty of a fine of one dollar for each volume not so returned.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF THE CABINET-KEEPER AND THE MUSEUM.

ARTICLE 1. — The Cabinet-Keeper shall have charge of all coins, works of art, remains of antiquity, and other articles appropriate to the Society's Museum, and shall make and keep perfect and exact catalogues of the same.

ARTICLE 2. — He shall acknowledge each donation he may receive, by letter, to the person making it, and at every Monthly Meeting of the Society he shall report whatever may have been added to the collection of which he has charge, with the names of the donors.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 1. — The Standing Committee, as vacancies may occur in the Society by death or otherwise, shall report nominations for Resident Members to fill the same.

ARTICLE 2. — They shall pay the current expenses of the Society, drawing on the Treasurer, from time to time, for such sums as may be necessary for that purpose.

ARTICLE 3. — They shall annually, in the month of April, make a careful examination of the Library and Museum of the Society, comparing the books, manuscripts, and other articles in each with their catalogues, respectively, and



reporting at the April meeting, in detail, concerning their condition.

ARTICLE 4. — They shall record in full, in a book kept by them for the purpose, any permission granted by any one of their number for the consultation of the manuscripts of the Society, by persons not members.

ARTICLE 5. — They shall meet in the Society's rooms half an hour previous to every Regular Meeting, for the fulfilment of their appropriate duties, and for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of such business as is likely to come before the Society.

ARTICLE 6. — They shall, at every meeting, report to the Society all their doings since the last meeting, suggesting at the same time such business as they may deem advisable to bring before it.

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

IMMEDIATELY after the publication of any volume of the Collections of the Society, a committee of not less than three persons shall be appointed by nomination from the chair, whose duty it shall be to prepare and publish another volume, for which purpose free use is granted to them of all the manuscripts, printed books, and other resources of the Society, except the manuscripts deposited as confidential; said committee being required hereby to return whatever they may have thus received, so soon as their use of the same for the purposes of such publication shall have ceased.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

AT the Monthly Meeting in March, annually, a committee shall be appointed by nomination from the chair, consisting

of not less than two persons, whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the year preceding, and at the Monthly Meeting in April to report thereon, and on the state of any property of the Society in his hands.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 10, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President being in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. Louis Dwight, the Town of Danvers, Messrs. George C. Rand, Benjamin Guild, T. N. Fitch, Artemas Simonds, Dr. E. C. Rogers, the United States Navy Department, and from Dr. Shurtleff, of this Society.

The Recording Secretary reported that he had received, from the Department of State at Washington, Bowen's Map of North America, London, in two parts, being maps Nos. 5 and 6 taken from Jeffrey's Atlas, and loaned to the United States North-Eastern Boundary Commission, November, 1828; and gave the following, supposed by him to be a correct list of the maps loaned to the Commission in 1828, after such investigation as he had been able to make, viz.: —

Faden's British Colonies in North America; 1777. (Returned December, 1841.)

D. F. Sottzman's Map of Maine; Hamburgh, 1798. (Never returned.)

S. Dunn's British Empire in North America; London,

1772. Supposed to be Map No. 8 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Never returned.)

D'Anville's North America, improved, with English Surveys; London, 1774. Being Map No. 7 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Returned June, 1852.)

E. Bowen's Map of North America; London, 1775 or 1777. Jeffrey's Nos. 5 and 6. (Returned March, 1853.)

The Province of Quebec, according to the Royal Proclamation of the 7th of October, 1763, from the French Surveys, connected with those made after the war by Captain Carver and other officers in His Majesty's service. No. 18 in Jeffrey's Atlas. (Never returned.)

He further reported that there is no reason to suppose that any of the Society's books were received by the Commission.

*Voted*, That the Cabinet-Keeper be directed to furnish a copy of Mr. Trumbull's letter to Rev. Dr. Belknap, in 1794 (offering the manuscripts of his father, the elder Governor Trumbull, to the Society), to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth series.

Mr. SAMUEL ELIOT, of Brookline, was elected a Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Daniel Webster, deceased, — Messrs. DEANE and AMES, Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. SHATTUCK and LIVERMORE were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts, to report at the next meeting.

Messrs. TICKNOR, APPLETON, and BUDINGTON were appointed a Nominating Committee, under Chap. III., to report at the next meeting a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

Present — The President, Ames, Appleton, Austin, Budington, Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor,

White, Willard, and Young, at the beginning of the meeting; came in during the meeting, Ellis, N. L. Frothingham, Paige, and Winthrop.

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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1853.

Thursday, April 14, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island and the New Jersey Historical Societies, the United States Commissioner for Patents, City Government of Boston, Rev. E. B. Willson, Messrs. J. P. Preston, William H. Allen, J. H. Hickox, Mr. Barry, of Hanover, Mr. S. G. Drake, Dr. W. T. G. Morton, from several persons unknown, and from Messrs. Lowell and White, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Samuel Eliot, accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society.

The President communicated a letter from Mr. Caloran O'Brien in relation to his services towards a catalogue of the Library.

*Voted*, To refer the same to the Librarian and Messrs. Shurtleff and Livermore, the Committee appointed at December meeting, 1851, upon the catalogue, to make such compensation as they think proper.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and

make report at the present meeting, made the following report, viz. : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, Jr., Treasurer of the Society, have attended to that duty, and report that the accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast, and that there appears to have been a balance on hand, —

Of the last general account . . . . .	\$168.25	
Received during the year on general account .	337.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$505.25
A balance on hand of last book account . .	87.31	
Received during the year on book account . .	314.11	
	<u>          </u>	401.42
Making total received during the year of . . . . .		906.67
There has been paid during the year . . . . .		605.54
		<u>          </u>
		\$301.13

Leaving a net balance due the Society of three hundred and one dollars and thirteen cents.\*

LEMUEL SHATTUCK,  
GEORGE LIVERMORE.

Boston, April 14, 1853.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Nominating Committee, under Chap. III., appointed at the last meeting to report a list of members for officers of the Society for the ensuing year, made the following report, viz. : —

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\* The receipts included in the Treasurer's annual statement were \$738.42, of which sum \$337 were for admission fees and assessments during the year, and \$401.42 for sales of books from March, 1851, to April 8, 1853. The payments amounted to \$605.54. Of this sum, \$284.62 were for printing Vol. I. of the fourth series of the Collections; \$43.20 for taxes; \$72 to Mr. Felt for services as Librarian during part of the year; \$29 to Rev. John A. Vinton for care of Library; and \$176.72 for miscellaneous expenses, including purchase of books. — Eds.

JAMES SAVAGE . . . . .	for PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD. . . . .	„ RECORDING SECRETARY.
ALEXANDER YOUNG. . . . .	„ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH B. FELT. . . . .	„ LIBRARIAN.
RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JR. . . . .	„ TREASURER.
ISAAC P. DAVIS . . . . .	„ CABINET-KEEPER.
GEORGE LIVERMORE	} . . . „ STANDING COMMITTEE.
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF	
CHARLES DEANE	
ROBERT C. WINTHROP	
GEORGE W. BLAGDEN	

Mr. ROBBINS was appointed to collect, assort, and count the votes for officers for the ensuing year, who made report that the whole number of votes was fifteen, and that each of the foregoing gentlemen had that number of votes. Whereupon, they were declared to be duly chosen.

*Voted*, That the Catalogue Committee of December, 1851, be authorized to employ any other person than Mr. O'Brien to make a catalogue of the Society's Library.

Also, *voted*, That the same Committee be recommended to apply a part of the sum appropriated for the catalogue to supply the most urgent deficiencies in the Library.

*Voted*, That the President, according to his request, be allowed to take from the Library the third volume of Gov. Winthrop's manuscript "History of New England," to hold until the next meeting of the Society.

Mr. SHATTUCK, from the Third Section, communicated a manuscript Journal kept by the late Deacon William Parkman, of Concord, Massachusetts, while a soldier in the Provincial service in 1758, in the French war.

*Voted*, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of Vol. II., fourth series.\*

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\* See Proceedings for November, 1879. — Eds.

The Librarian reported a list of persons not members of the Society who have had the use of the Library during the last three months.

Present — The President, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Hoar, Jenks, Livermore, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Ticknor, Willard, and Young, at the opening of the meeting; came in during the meeting, Adams and Paige.

JOSEPH WILLARD,

*Recording Secretary.*

[Only one Resident Member died the last year, — the Hon. Daniel Webster, of whom the following notice has been prepared. — EDS.]

*Notice of Daniel Webster.*

Daniel Webster was elected a Resident Member of this Society on the 27th of August, 1821. His life and character are abundantly portrayed in his own published works, in the biographies which are found in all our libraries, and in the records of Congress and of the Courts during almost the whole period of his mature life.

We confine ourselves here, therefore, to a statement of the sources from which an account of this great orator, jurist, and statesman may be readily derived: —

Speeches and Forensic Arguments by Daniel Webster, in three volumes, — the first two published originally in 1835, and the third in 1843.

The Works of Daniel Webster, edited by Edward Everett, with a Biography prefixed, and published by Little, Brown, & Co., in six volumes, in 1857.

Daniel Webster and his Contemporaries, by Charles W. March, 1850.

Private Life of Daniel Webster, by Charles Lanman, 1853.

The Private Correspondence of Daniel Webster, in two volumes, edited by Fletcher Webster, and published by Little, Brown, & Co., in 1857.

The Life of Daniel Webster, by George Ticknor Curtis, published by D. Appleton & Co., New York, in two volumes, in 1870.

Reminiscences of Daniel Webster, by Peter Harvey, published by Little, Brown, & Co., in 1877, with an Appendix, containing the Proceedings and Addresses at the Dedication of the Burnham Statue, in the Central Park at New York.

Webster's Great Speeches and Orations, with an Essay on Daniel Webster as a Master of English Style, by Edwin P. Whipple, published by Little, Brown, & Co., 1879.

To these may be added the Eulogy at Dartmouth College by Rufus Choate, and that at Bowdoin College by President Woods, and a great number of other eulogies and sermons delivered at the time of his death; and particularly the Memorial published, at that time, by the city of Boston, which included the eulogy of George S. Hillard, and all the various tributes of public institutions and literary societies.

Among these tributes are the Resolutions passed by this Society, as follows:—

*“November Meeting, 1852.*

*“Voted,* That Messrs. Robbins, Appleton, and Austin, be a Committee to draft a series of Resolutions appropriate to the memory of our late deceased associate, the Hon. Daniel Webster; and to report if any and what steps should be taken by the Society in consequence of his death.

*“Copy of record:*      JOSEPH WILLARD, *Recording Secretary.*

*“The Committee, appointed as above, reported, at the regular meeting in December, the following preamble, resolution, and recommendation, which were unanimously adopted:—*

*“Whereas,* in the course of Divine Providence, the spirit of Daniel Webster has returned to God, and the places of public honor and private friendship which knew him on earth shall know him no more for ever;

*“Resolved,* That the members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, while, in common with the whole American people, they mourn his loss as an illustrious statesman, an ardent patriot, a wise counselor, an eloquent orator, the ablest defender of the Constitution, and a great man, are desirous also, as a Society, to express and record their tribute of respect to the high services and renowned name of an honored associate, whose matchless powers, devoted to his country, have



performed such works as enrich a nation's annals, and make its history glorious.

"Your Committee would further recommend, that Mr. George Ticknor be appointed to prepare a memoir of Mr. Webster for the Society's publications."\*

It would be vain to attempt to add any thing, in any brief memoir, to the materials thus supplied for the illustration of so powerful a mind and so great a career. The dates which follow will close this notice.

Daniel Webster, born at Salisbury (now Franklin), New Hampshire, Jan. 18, 1782; graduated at Dartmouth, 1801; Representative in Congress from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 1813; removed to Boston, 1816; argued the celebrated case of Dartmouth College before the Supreme Court of the United States, 1818; delivered his great oration at Plymouth, on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, 1820; Representative in Congress from Boston, 1823; Senator in Congress for Massachusetts, 1827; made his great speech against Nullification in the Senate, 1830; Secretary of State of the United States, 1841; negotiated the Ashburton Treaty, 1842; returned to the Senate, 1845; made his memorable appeal for compromise, March 7, 1850; became Secretary of State again in July, 1850; died at Marshfield, Massachusetts, 24 October, 1852.

R. C. W.

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\* Mr. Ticknor never prepared this memoir, undoubtedly regarding the elaborate biography, by his nephew, Mr. Curtis, as occupying the whole field, upon the same principle on which he afterwards requested our Society to accept his own noble biography of Prescott, in place of the memoir which he had been appointed to prepare for our Proceedings.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 12, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Samuel H. Emery, Matthew A. Stickney, Theophilus R. Marvin, Preston Cummings, Bickford Pulsifer, A. Bragg, and from Messrs. Webb, Sparks, Everett, Wheatland, and Sibley, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Dr. Lowell, under date of April 27, 1853, in relation to the Earl of Buchan's box.

*Voted*, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.\*

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\* The following is Dr. Lowell's letter, which appears not to have been published by the Society. The "box," mentioned in the letter, which the Earl of Buchan presented to Washington, and which Washington by his will recommended to the earl, was "made of the oak that sheltered the great Sir William Wallace after the battle of Falkirk." See Proceedings, I. 179, 180, note †.

"To ALEXANDER YOUNG, D.D., Corresponding Secretary  
of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"MY DEAR SIR, — In Washington's last will, there is an item referring to a box which had been sent him by the Earl of Buchan, with a request that Washington would bequeath it to the most distinguished of his countrymen who should survive him.

"Washington, with his usual sagacity and discretion, instead of making a discrimination among his countrymen, bequeathed the box to the earl himself, as a person eminently entitled to possess it.

"As every thing connected with Washington is deeply interesting, I send you the following statement respecting the box, with a request that you would read it at a meeting of our Historical Society, to be disposed of by them as they may think proper.

"About fifty years ago, it must have been on the twenty-second of February, 1803, I was present at the Earl of Buchan's in Edinburgh, when the earl, in a set speech, intrusted this box to the care of Dr. Chapman of Philadelphia,

Mr. FELT, from the First Section, made a communication in relation to the ancient mode of voting, under the first charter, by corn and beans, having reference to a By-Law of the Society concerning the mode of voting by the Society in the election of members; also, certain philological queries touching the By-Laws.

Mr. SIBLEY read a letter from Lafayette to Dr. Thacher, of Plymouth, dated Jan. 22, 1824, complimentary of the Doctor's Military Journal; and upon other matters.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL sent to the meeting sundry papers for examination, not as a donation.

*Voted*, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.

Present — The President, Blagden, Deane, Felt, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, Webb, Wil-  
lard, Worcester, and Young, at the opening of the  
meeting; came in during the meeting, R. Frothingham,  
Jr., Ticknor, White, and Winthrop.

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who had been a student of medicine at Edinburgh, and was about leaving Scotland for the United States. He charged Dr. Chapman to take care of it, and place it in the hands of Dr. Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia, to be by him safely kept till the University, which Washington had recommended in his last will should be established, was founded, and then to deposit it in the archives of said University, there to be kept for ever. It was reported soon after Dr. Chapman's return home that the box had been stolen from him, and there is a reference to this circumstance in the second volume of Mr. Richard Rush's Memoranda of a Residence at the Court of London.

"There is no probability, at present, of the establishment of the Central University recommended by Washington, nor is it by any means certain that the box will ever again come to light; but, if the last should ever be the case, the box will belong, not to a private individual or to a private family, but to the nation, to be disposed of by the national legislature as in their discretion they may think best.

"I am, dear Sir, affectionately your friend and brother,

"CHARLES LOWELL.

"ELMWOOD, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

April 27, 1853."

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## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 9, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Rhode Island Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, the Boston Mercantile Library Association, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Don Lucas Alaman, Rev. George B. Blenkin (a nephew of the late Thomas Wallcut), Messrs. George Folsom, H. G. Somerby, S. G. Drake, John M. Galt, and from Messrs. Paige and Sparks, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Lancaster Committee of Arrangements, dated May 6 last, inviting the presence of the Society by their delegates at the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of that town, on Wednesday, the 15th of June instant.

*Voted*, To accept the invitation, and to choose five delegates to attend at the celebration.

Messrs. SAVAGE, WILLARD, BARTLETT, EVERETT, and SPARKS were chosen as the Delegates.

No communications were received from the members of the Second Section.

Present — Davis, Deane, Felt, Francis, Jenks, Livermore, Paige, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Sparks, Webb, White, Willard, and Young.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 14, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. YOUNG was chosen President *pro tem.*; and, in the absence of the Recording Secretary, CHARLES DEANE was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Trustees of the New Bedford Library, the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Maine Historical Society, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the Smithsonian Institute, the Minnesota Historical Society, Hon. John Davis, Professor Packard, E. B. Corwin, Esq., and from Messrs. Ames and Sparks, of this Society.

The Librarian read a letter from the Secretary of the Athenæum of Philadelphia, proposing an exchange of eleven volumes of "Minutes of the Proceedings of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, from the Organization of the Proprietary Government to its Termination," for ten volumes, third series, of the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections.

*Voted,* To make the proposed exchange, and also to add Vol. VIII., second series, in which, as the Secretary states, the Athenæum Library is deficient.

The Librarian stated that, in consequence of other

engagements, he should not be able to keep the Society's rooms open as heretofore.

And, on motion of Mr. ELLIS, it was

*Voted*, That the Standing Committee be requested to make all the necessary arrangements for keeping the rooms open.

No communications were received from the members of the Third Section.

Present — Ames, Davis, Deane, Ellis, Felt, Jenks, Livermore, Shattuck, Webb, Wheatland, and Young.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Aug. 11, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President, Mr. PAIGE was chosen President *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Government of the United States, the Regents of the University of New York, Mr. A. D. Jones, Timothy Bigelow, Esq., and from Messrs. Everett and Savage, of this Society.

The Standing Committee, by Mr. Livermore, reported verbally that they have made some efforts to procure a person to take charge of the rooms, as directed at the last meeting, but without final success. They hope by the time for the next meeting to complete their arrangements.

*Voted*, That the time for the report be extended to the September meeting.

The death of Judge Mitchell, on the first day of August, instant, having been announced,

*Voted*, That Ellis Ames, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of the deceased for the Society's next volume of Collections.\*

Also, *voted*, That Mr. Ames be requested to communicate with the family of the deceased in relation to any manuscripts he may have left, and ascertain their disposition to have such manuscripts deposited in the Library of the Society.†

The Librarian announced that he had completed the exchange with the Athenæum at Philadelphia.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Corresponding Members: viz., Dr. Henry Bond, of Philadelphia, by Mr. Paige; Henry Stevens, Esq., now resident in London, by Mr. Livermore; and Cyrus Eaton, Esq., of Warren, Maine, by Mr. Sibley.

No communications were made by the members of the First Section, except that Mr. Ames stated he should have a donation to make to the Society at a future day.

Present — Adams, Ames, Deane, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., Livermore, Paige, Shurtleff, Sibley, White, and Willard.

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\* The Hon. Nahum Mitchell was elected a member in August, 1818. The memoir of him by Mr. Ames will be found in this volume, on pp. 560, 561. — Eds.

† Mr. Ames says that, agreeably to the vote of the Society, he communicated with the family of Judge Mitchell, and ascertained that he left no manuscripts of any value. — Eds.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 8, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting.

In the absence of the President and the Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. FRANCIS was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Mr. SIBLEY was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was then read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Edward Everett, of the Society, and from Mr. S. G. Drake.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from the Standing Committee, made the following report, which having been read,

*Voted*, To accept the same, viz : —

Boston, Sept. 8, 1853.

According to the vote of the Society at their monthly meeting in July last, the Standing Committee have endeavored to make proper provisions for having the rooms and the Library opened for the use of members a portion of every day. They could not find any member of the Society who was willing, for the small sum which we are able to pay, to take the office of Librarian and perform the duties required by the By-Laws. Nor is the sum appropriated to that purpose sufficient to pay a deputy who could be trusted to take charge of the rooms and books at such times as the regular Librarian may be absent. To overcome this difficulty, which arises from the straitened circumstances of the Society, the Committee have made arrangements with Mr. James I. Wood, who is engaged in preparing a catalogue of the books, to perform also, for a small additional compensation, the duties of Deputy Librarian



and janitor ; and the rooms will accordingly be kept open in future by him, under the general direction of Mr. Felt, during the usual library hours.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LIVERMORE.

Dr. HENRY BOND, of the city of Philadelphia, HENRY STEVENS, Esq., now resident in London, and CYRUS EATON, Esq., of Warren, Maine, were elected Corresponding Members, — Dr. YOUNG, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated His Excellency John H. Clifford for Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Nahum Mitchell, deceased.

Present — Blagden, Felt, Francis, R. Frothingham, Jr., Judd, Livermore, Shurtleff, Sibley, Worcester, and Young.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Peter Force, William B. Shedd, S. G. Drake, C. W. Bradley, Jr. (author of the Connecticut Register), James S. Loring, Lewis G. Pray, Nathaniel D. Gould, Cyrus Eaton (Corresponding Member), and from Messrs. Everett, Sibley, Sparks, and Willard, Resident Members of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Dr. Henry Bond and Cyrus Eaton,

Esq., elected Corresponding Members at the September meeting.

His Excellency JOHN H. CLIFFORD, Governor of the Commonwealth, was elected Resident Member, *vice* Hon. Nahum Mitchell, deceased, — Messrs. SHATTUCK and SIBLEY, Scrutinizing Committee.

The President, from the Third Section, communicated the original account rendered to the home government by "John Usher, Esq., Treasurer and Receiver-General of all His Majesty's territory and dominion of New England in America, by the rate of one penny per pound in the several counties, the duty of impost upon all goods and merchandises imported, excise, and other duties, belonging to His Majesty, within the said territory and dominion, &c. January, 1688-9." \*

*Voted*, That the Society will purchase this document, if it can be obtained for a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; and that Mr. Ellis be authorized and empowered to purchase it for the Society, and to draw upon the Treasurer of the Society for the amount of the purchase-money.

The President also communicated from George L. L. Davis, Esq., of Baltimore, a copy of "the engagement" signed by the inhabitants of Kent Island, Maryland, in

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\* This document is a parchment of about twelve inches wide and eighteen feet long, the accounts on which are clearly and beautifully written. It is headed thus: —

"The Accompt of John Usher, Esq., Treasurer and Receiver-General of all His Majesty's revenues, arising within His Majesty's territory and dominion of New England in America, by the rate of one penny per pound in the several counties. The duty of impost upon all goods and merchandises imported, excise and other duties belonging to His Majesty, within the said territory and dominion, from the first day of July, 1688, to the first day of January, 1688½."

It is signed by

"JOHN USHER."

At the foot it is attested thus: —

"Examined by me, ED. RANDOLPH, Dep<sup>y</sup> Audit<sup>r</sup>."

EDS.

the year 1652, and taken from the records of Kent County Court, marked "Court Proceedings, 1647 to 1653." Also, the "Baltimore American" of May 18, 1853, containing "a short historical paper relating to the long-forgotten tribe of Indians upon the Isle of Kent, by George L. L. Davis."

Mr. WILLARD, from the Third Section, read several letters from Thomas Brand Hollis, and one from Rev. Dr. Priestley, to the late President Willard, of Harvard College.

*Voted*, To refer the communications made by the Third Section to the Publishing Committee of the thirty-second volume.

On motion of Mr. WINTHROP, that the Society have heard with regret of the death of their late associate, Hon. Simon Greenleaf, and that Judge White be requested to prepare a memoir of the deceased for the next volume of the Society's Collections; and Judge White being present, and excusing himself for cause, it was

*Voted*, That the Society have heard with regret of the death of their late associate, the Hon. Simon Greenleaf;

And, on motion of Mr. ELLIS,

*Voted*, That Mr. Winthrop be requested to prepare the memoir.\*

On motion of Mr. AMES, he stating that "the town of Medway have in their Town-Clerk's office two hundred and seven pages of the Acts and Laws passed

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\* The Hon. Simon Greenleaf was elected in November, 1837, and died Oct. 6, 1853. Mr. Winthrop did not perform the service assigned to him. A memoir of Professor Greenleaf by Mr. George Dexter will be found in this volume, on pp. 563-568, prepared partly from materials furnished him by Mr. Winthrop and Professor Parsons. — Eds.

by the General Court of Massachusetts, beginning with the first General Court of the Revolution, on July 19, 1775, up to the adoption of the Constitution, and the Society have the residue, viz., the other one hundred and twenty-two pages, by the putting of which together a perfect copy of that scarce collection of statutes may be obtained,"

*Voted*, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to the Selectmen of Medway, asking them to deposit in the Library of the Society for preservation their part of those statutes.

Present — The President, Ames, Felt, Judd, Livermore, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Wheatland, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young; and after the opening of the meeting, Appleton, Deane, Ellis, N. L. Frothingham, Jenks, and White.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Adams, Sibley, and Young, of the Society.

Mr. WINTHROP communicated a letter from Mr. Henry A. Pierce, of Boston, accompanying a donation of the original patent, on parchment, from the Council in Plymouth, in 1629, to John Beauchampe, of London,

and Thomas Leverett, of Boston, of the lands lying between Muscongus and the Penobscot, for themselves, their heirs, associates, and assigns; also, accompanying this patent, the original records of the "Lincolnshire Company and twenty associates"; and, thereupon,

*Voted*, To refer the patent and record to the Publishing Committee.\*

[Referring to the foot-note on this page, we here print the patent to Beauchamp and Leverett from the Council for New England, dated March 13, 1629 (old style), and signed by Robert Warwicke, with his seal affixed. — EDS.

"To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that the council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering, and governing of New England, in America, for divers good causes and considerations them thereunto especially moving, have given, granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, allotted, and set over, and by these presents do clearly and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, allot, assign, and confirm unto John Beauchampe, of London, Gentleman, and Thomas Leverett,

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\* Neither of these documents was printed by the Publishing Committee, to whom they were referred. A detail or history of the Beauchamp and Leverett patent (sometimes called the Muscongus or Waldo patent), apparently drawn up near the beginning of this century, was printed in 1854, in 4 Collections, II. 226-229. An abstract of the patent itself, from the Maine Records, was printed in Hazard, II. 304, 305, with some errors. As the patent has never been printed entire, and as the original parchment, signed by Robert Warwicke, with a fragment of his seal affixed, is in possession of the Society, we have given it a place here, modernizing the spelling, except as to names. For further references to this patent, see Williamson's Maine, I. 240; Bradford's Plymouth Plantation, p. 258.

The records of the "Lincolnshire Company and Twenty Associates," a land company based on this Muscongus patent, is comprised in a folio volume of 266 pages, in the beginning of which a copy of the patent is transcribed. — EDS.

of Boston, in the county of Lincoln, Gentleman, their heirs, associates, and assigns, all and singular those lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, with the appurtenances thereof, in New England aforesaid, which are situate, lying, and being within or between a place there commonly called or known by the name of Muscongus, towards the south or south-west, and a straight line extending from thence directly ten leagues up into the mainland and continent there towards the great sea commonly called the South Sea, and the utmost limits of the space of ten leagues on the north and north-east of a river in New England aforesaid commonly called Penobscot, towards the north and north-east, and the great sea commonly called the Western Ocean, towards the east, and a straight and direct line extending from the most western part and point of the said straight line which extends from Muscongus aforesaid towards the South Sea, to the uttermost northern limits of the said ten leagues on the north side of the said river of Penobscot towards the west; and all lands, grounds, woods, soils, rivers, waters, fishings, hereditaments, profits, commodities, privileges, franchises, and emoluments whatsoever, situate, lying, and being, arising, happening, or renewing, or which shall arise, happen, or renew within the limits and bounds aforesaid, or any of them, together with all islands that lie and be within the space of three miles of the said lands and premises, or any of them. To have and to hold all and singular the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and premises whatsoever, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, unto the said John Beauchampe and Thomas Leverett, their heirs, associates, and assigns for ever; to the only proper and absolute use and behoof of the said John Beauchampe and Thomas Leverett, their heirs, associates, and assigns for evermore: To be holden of the King's most excellent Majesty, his heirs and successors, as of his manor of East Greenwich by fealty only, and not in capite nor by knight's service,

yielding and paying unto his Majesty, his heirs and successors, the fifth part of all such ore of gold and silver as shall be gotten and obtained in or upon the premises, or any part thereof. In witness whereof, the said council established at Plymouth, in the county of Devon, for the planting, ruling, ordering, and governing of New England, in America, have hereunto put their common seal the thirteenth day of March, in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., Anno Domini 1629.

RO: WARWICKE.\*

"February 5th, 1719. Received and recorded in the Secretary's office in Boston.

"Att. J. WILLARD, *Secretary*.

"York, Jan<sup>a</sup> the 17th, 1721 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Recorded with the Records for Deeds in the County of York, lib<sup>r</sup> X. fol<sup>o</sup> 237.

"Per ABRA<sup>m</sup> PREBLE, *Reg<sup>r</sup>*." †]

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\* Some ninety years after the date of this patent, Mr. Samuel Waldo became extensively interested in it, and then it took the name of the "Waldo patent." Mr. Waldo, soon afterward, also became interested in a tract of land on the west side of the Muscongus River. By a parchment deed, in possession of the writer of this note, it appears that on the twenty-seventh of March, 1733, James Stilson of New Castle, in the province of New Hampshire, fisherman, for the sum of £200 paid him by Samuel Waldo, conveyed to the latter "one full moiety or half part of all that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being on Muscongus River, near Pemaquid in the county of York, being in the Broad Bay so-called, beginning at a pine-tree marked in the westernmost branch of the bay, from thence north north-east by Muscongus River eight miles, from thence eight miles north-west and by west, from thence south south-west eight miles, from thence south-east and by east eight miles, to the tree where it first began; which tract of land on the eighth day of August, Anno sixteen hundred and sixty, was in and by a good deed, well executed by John Brown of New Harbor, given and granted to Saunder Gould and Margaret his wife, and upon their decease descended to and became the estate of Margaret Pittman, which said Margaret (mother of the present grantor [by a former husband named James Stilson]), with her husband Thomas Pittman, conveyed

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† This deed was also recorded, in 1794, in Hancock county and in Lincoln county. — Eds.

On the request of Mr. J. S. Barry, of Hanover,

*Voted*, That the use of the Library be granted to him, under the Rules of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Mr. Henry Stevens, in London, in acknowledgment and acceptance of his election as Corresponding Member.

Dr. Henry I. Bowditch, by the hands of the President, presented to the Society a map of Stratham, New Hampshire, drawn in 1793, containing all the estates in the town at that time.

The Standing Committee made the following nominations for Resident Members: viz., William Brigham, Esq., of Boston, *vice* Hon. James C. Merrill, deceased, and Hon. Abbott Lawrence, of Boston, *vice* Hon. Simon Greenleaf, deceased.

Mr. AMES, from the First Section, presented printed abstracts of numerous deeds and records, prepared for a case recently pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Bristol, in relation to the title of certain land in the first great share in the great cedar swamp in the territory formerly called "The Taunton North Purchase,

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to me, the said James Stilson, as by deed may appear on record, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of December, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty, the said tract being yet undivided. Also a certain neck of land running from the above said tract of land into Broad Bay aforesaid, containing seven hundred acres, be the same more or less"; of all of which he claims to be lawful owner, and covenants to warrant and defend.

The parchment is signed "Jiams Steason" with a seal, of which only a fragment remains, affixed. An indorsed receipt for the £200 from Mr. Waldo is signed "Jaems Stilson." It was "signed, sealed, and delivered, in the presence of us, Philip Carteret, Stephen Minot, Jr." The deed was acknowledged in Boston, March 27, 1733, before "John Ballantine." It was received for record at York, May 22, 1733, and recorded with the records of deeds in said county, Lib. 15, fol. 138-139. Joseph Moody, Register. See Johnston's Hist. of Bristol, Bremen, and Pemaquid, pp. 236, 243, 245, 471, 472. — Eds.



afterwards the town of Norton, and now in the town of Easton."

Present — The President, Ames, Ellis, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., J. C. Gray, Livermore, Paige, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Webb, Wheatland, Willard, Winthrop, and Young.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 1853, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, the Historical Society of New Jersey, Hon. H. Barnard, Samuel Wolcott, the Government of Massachusetts, the Government of the United States, and from Messrs. Davis and Everett, of the Society; also from Dr. Usher Parsons and Mr. Ebenezer Alden.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Governor Clifford.

On motion of the President,

*Voted*, That the Committee appointed at the meeting in January, 1851, to confer with the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston, on the subject of larger accommodations for this Society, be authorized, in such manner as to them shall seem good, to obtain such accommodation in this or other estate in this city; and, for that purpose, may sell and convey the right and property of this Society in the premises to said Provident Institution, and by indenture of lease, or otherwise, may procure the desired benefit.

It having been stated in the course of the debate upon this subject that it was in contemplation by the

Provident Institution for Savings, should they erect a new building, to apply to the city government for leave to extend their south wall some five feet over the burying-ground, to be supported upon arches,

Mr. WINTHROP moved a reconsideration of the vote ; whereupon a discussion ensued, and the views of several of the members having been expressed, and the object intended by the motion to reconsider having been attained, it was withdrawn by the mover.

WILLIAM BRIGHAM, Esq., of Boston, *vice* Hon. James C. Merrill, deceased, and Hon. ABBOTT LAWRENCE, of Boston, *vice* Hon. Simon Greenleaf, deceased, were respectively elected Resident Members, — Messrs. WORCESTER and LIVERMORE, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Adams, Appleton, Budington, Davis, Deane, Eliot, Felt, R. Frothingham, Jr., N. L. Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Livermore, Lunt, Paige, Quincy, Robbins, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Sibley, Ticknor, Webb, Wheatland, White, Willard, Winthrop, Worcester, and Young.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1854.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 1854, 12 M. The Society held their stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read by Dr. NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, who was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs.